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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

For: COMPOUNDS AND METHODS FOR IMMUNOTHERAPY AND DIAGNOSIS OF TUBERCULOSIS

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, lines 6-17, please amend the application as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/072,967, filed May 5, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/025,197, filed February 18, 1998, now abandoned; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/942,578, filed October 1, 1997, now abandoned; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/818,112, filed March 13, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,290,969; which is a

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